



**C o m m u n i c a t i o n s B o a r d**  
**F i r e a n d E m e r g e n c y M e d i c a l S e r v i c e s**  
Monroe County, New York

**Maggie Brooks**  
*County Executive*

**Timothy Smith**  
*Chairman*

**MINUTES OF MEETING: February 19, 2004**

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Patty Bietry, Steve Bowman, Ted Conners, Bill Gillette, Steve McClary, John Merklinger, Brian Peartree, Tim Smith, Dave Timmons, Larry Vaughan and Tim Warth

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** Mike Catalano (for Tom Coyle), Ed Mager, Larry Mancine, Dave Pierce, Ed Riley, Rich Verdouw and Hank Wehner

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Larry Pierce

**EXCUSED:** Dick Barrett, Dan Labowitz, Mike Lissow, Scott Miller and Diana Pfersick

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Timothy Smith at 5:00 p.m.

A quorum of voting members was present.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communication issues needing to be addressed at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by John Merklinger to approve the meeting minutes from the January meeting, seconded by Larry Vaughan. Carried.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reframing Committee – No report.

Digital Paging Committee – No report.

**Communications Rules & Regulations Committee** – Hank Wehner reported that he and Diana Pfersick are reviewing protocol issued by the Emergency Communications Department and will take information from there. Hank and Diana need to decide how to address the lack of data on the EMS side. The section in the Storm Protocol Manual will also be included in our new handbook.

## **BATTALION REPORTS**

**Battalion 1-** Tim Warth reported he informed his battalion that if they have any feedback regarding simulcast paging, they should be addressed to Rich Verdouw. Also, he reminded everyone that the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion is having their Summit on Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Battalion 2** – (See attached report from Larry Vaughan). After Larry gave his report, much discussion ensued regarding the tone and voice pager situation. There was also discussion to unofficially notify all agencies on the narrowband and tone and voice paging issues. Steve Bowman added that he will draft a letter to address these issues.

**Battalion 3** – Brian Peartree reported their battalion met on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and have no issues or concerns at this time.

**Battalion 4** – Commissioner Bill Gillette reported at this time there are no issues or concerns that need to be addressed.

**Battalion 5** – Patty Bietry reported their battalion will be meeting next month and she will share any information with us at our next meeting.

**911 DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – No report.

## **ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Bill Gillette addressed the board regarding an article in the D & C regarding funding for Fire and EMS services. After much discussion, the board, in conjunction with the County of Monroe, is looking for the best possible solution to handle this opportunity.

A motion was then made by Brian Peartree to adjourn, seconded by Patty Bietry. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman being out of town the third week of March, there will be no meeting next month. The next meeting of the Fire/EMS Communications Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 5:00 pm, at the Public Safety Training Facility in the STEP Conference Room.**

Larry Mancine, Executive Secretary  
Fire/EMS Communications Board